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Docket No.: HERLA

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| MAX HERLA |) | Examiner: Gates, Eric Andrew |
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| Appl. No.: 10/820,441 |) | Group Art Unit: 3722 |
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| For: SPINDLE FOR A MACHINE TOOL WITH |) | |
| IMPROVED TOOL EJECTION FEATURE) |) | |

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING THE FILING OF A RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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This communication is submitted preliminary to the issuance of a further Official Action in the above-entitled application.

The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: